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- 1. In early June 1946 the rollowing warships were observed in Libau Harbor:
- a. Five Soviet submarines; old model, approximately 2,000 tons; armed with a 10.5 cm gun both on focale and aft; one of them carried the number 53 on the comning tower.
- b. Seven ex-German U-boats, "of the type which appeared just before the Walther U-boat", were being completed. They were armed with a four-barreled 2cm AA gun on the coming tower.
- c. Three Walther U-boats, two of which were not completed and one of which had already made trial runs. The Soviets are concerned with the small radius of action of these boats.
- d. Thenty-one Soviet S-boats with one 88mm and one 75mm gun forward and depth charges.
 - e. Five or six ex-W.M. minesweepers.
 - f. One new-type Soviet minesweeper.
- g. Five Soviet destroyers of approximately 600 tons, armed with four 15cm guns and torpedo tubes.
 - h. The ex-German tanker "Aurnten".

2. At no time was anything heard of ex-W.M. officers serving on Soviet U-boats.

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